

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: Community Playgroups

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Senator Cash asked:

Can you provide a template copy of the agreement with the Community Playgroups organisations, including KPIs et cetera?

Answer:

The Department can provide the following information on the deliverables and the performance indicators for Community Playgroups:

The deliverables are:

1. Promote the value of playgroups to nurture children and support families and build communities
2. Create and maintain partnerships with key stakeholders
3. Provide resources and support on early-learning development and play based learning
4. Where data is already being collected by the State and Territory Playgroup Association's, provide the number and location of Community Playgroups.
5. Where data is already being collected by the State and Territory Playgroup Association, provide the total number of adult parent, adult grandparents and child participants.
6. Survey Playgroup Australia members who deliver Community Playgroups once per year to measure:
 - Satisfaction of the member with support from Playgroup Australia.
7. Support the Community Playgroup Program nationally.
8. If requested, you will be required to participate in the development of data collection methods, including online if appropriate, for program performance and evaluation purposes.
9. Work with the Department to ensure the agreed activities meet the objectives of the new Family Support Program (FSP) as notified by the Department from time to time.

The performance indicators include:

- Promote the universality of Community Playgroups as a means to ensure that children have the best start in life by:
 - Creating and maintaining partnerships with key stakeholders; and
 - Providing resources and support on early learning development and play based learning.

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- Performance Indicators for the current Community Playgroups National Representative Body Funding Agreement are:
 - Maintaining and supporting new and existing Community Playgroups;
 - Creating and maintaining partnerships with key stakeholders; and
 - Providing resources and support on early learning development and play based learning.